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MINUTES OF MEETING HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL PROJECT REVIEW COMMITTEE-II

DATE: 7 November 2013 **TIME:** 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Department Operations Center

Rhode Island Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Committee-II			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Chair)	X		
John J. Barry III		X	
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.			X
Steven DeToy			X
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	X		
Maria R. Gil (Secretary)			X
Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN			X
Jeanette Matrone, RN, PhD			X
Daniel Orgel, MPA	X		
Denise Panichas			X
Reverend David Shire (Vice Chair)	X		
Committee-I			
Roberta Feather, CNS, PhD, JD	X		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Edward D'Arezzo, Michael K. Dexter, MPA,

Sarah Mancone (Intern), Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Steve Morris, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. <u>Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability</u>

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. Minutes of the Project Review Committee-II meeting of 10 October 2013 were adopted as submitted. A motion was made and passed by a

vote of five in favor and none opposed (5-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act due to the increase in administrative burdens on staff. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Dowling, Graziano, Orgel, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The next item on the agenda was the application of **B & B Consulting, LLC** d/b/a B & B Medical Marijuana Evaluation Center [Jessica Cotton] for initial licensure to establish an organized ambulatory care facility at 300 Toll Gate Road in Warwick to perform medical marijuana certification evaluations. Staff reviewed the information provided for the meeting.

Representatives of the applicant made a presentation and answered the Committee's questions.

A motion was made by Dr. Dowling, seconded by Reverend Shire, and passed by a vote of four in favor and one opposed (4-1) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the following additional conditions of approval: (1) that the license be limited to provide the clinical services necessary to determine if patients are appropriate candidates for medical marijuana therapy in conformance with the laws of the state of Rhode Island, and (2) that an external monitoring system be employed to review the medical records. Those members voting in favor included: Almeida, Dowling, Orgel, and Shire. Those members voting in opposition included: Graziano.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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